

# ANCHORAGE ARC

ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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FEBRUARY 1981

## CALENDAR:

- February 6 General monthly meeting-UAA Library, Rm 118, 7 p.m.  
10 PARKA meeting, Grandview Gardens Lib., Technical 7 p.m. Meeting 8 pm  
18 Board Meeting - place TBA-7 p.m.  
20, 21, 22 Fur Rendezvous Dog Sled Races-Bill, KL7ITI, Chairman-337-1779  
(will be cancelled if we don't get at least 2 in. of snow)  
21 Social-Clinkerdagger, Bickerstaff & Petts-3301 C St., 5:30 p.m.  
Call Cathi, WL7ABO, for RSVP by Feb 18th (21st is a Saturday)  
22 Deadline for input for March newsletter

Herb Brasseur, KL7JIG, is our new president filling out Chip, KL7IUI's term.  
Call Herb at 243-6239 if you would like to discuss anything with him.

Chip Lewis, KL7IUI, should be on the ferry towards Seattle as this goes to  
press. We will miss him--but he will eventually be back.

Fredrick, WA6AXO, & YL Terry, AL7AE, should be back in Anchorage shortly after  
being in the lower 48 for the past 2 yrs.

Dave Lawrence, KL7HAB, has been hospitalized for surgery to his ankle that  
was broken in 4 places. He is monitoring 34/94 and 90/30.

Steve Norrell, KL7IYX, handles eye-bank traffic on 14292 every day.

Norman Arlin, KL7IA, has bent the edges over on all of the metal KL7AA direction  
signs so there will be no more cut hands when trying to task them up-thanks!

Wilse, KL7CQ, advises that there is still time to sign up for classes beginning  
Feb. 19th Gen & Tech-3 units-ACC-to be held at Ft. Rich.

We extend our condolences to Norm Dietz, KL7IPA, of Palmer in the loss of  
his wife, Geraldine, on Jan. 22.

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THE EATING BEFORE THE MEETING ON FEB. 6 WILL BE AT THE CHINESE DINING ROOM,  
2 PLAZA, MINNESOTA & BENSON. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY HOME  
AFTER WORK BEFORE THE MEETING AT 7, JOIN US FOR DINNER.



SW	\$12,563.15	+
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2 January 1981

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chip Lewis, and introductions were held.

Letters from Ted Stevens and Don Young were read, supporting the AARC position on HF 7747. This bill, relating to control of TV receivers, died at the end of the last congressional session, and it is not known if it will be re-introduced.

It was announced that the dates for Fur Rondy are Feb. 20, 21 & 22. Chip announced that Ken Delp, KL7FD, will take over arrangements for AARC participation in the Iditarod. The ALASCOM board has recommended approval of the total \$9950 budget.

The President announced his resignation, to be replaced by Vice President Herb Brasseur, KL7JIG. The recommendation of the board for Bob McKinnie, AL7AW, to serve as Vice President was approved by acclamation.

John C.A. Bierman, KL7GNP, was voted HAM OF THE YEAR.

Bruce Burpee, KL7IV, was appointed chairman of a committee to inventory club equipment.

Three new life members were voted upon:

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| 18. | Hal DeVoe    | KL7MF |
| 19. | Pat Beaugard | KL7EJ |
| 20. | Tim Pettis   | KL7WE |

A permanent standing committee was appointed to consider requests for expenditures from outside the club. Dan Rogers will serve as board representative.

Drawing for door prizes was held, and a birthday cake celebrating the first birthday of Bobby Moody (parents-NL7C & WL7ABO) was enjoyed by all.

Attendance: 71

Marian Arlin, KL7IT, Secretary

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FOR SALE - YAESU FT 101B Transceiver, FL 2100B Amplifier.

### Remote VFO, Speaker, phone patch

FTV 650 B 6 meter transverter

Contact: Jim WAOLPK after 12 Feb. 345-4758

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1981 DUES ARE DUE.    Single member \$8.00  
                              Member & Spouse \$10.00  
                              Full Time Student    \$5.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - \$100.00 Lump sum or pay  
over 10 months

## H A M   O F   T H E   Y E A R

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club is proud to present the Ham of the Year for 1980. The election was held during the January club meeting and the person to be this year's recipient is      JOHN C.A. BIERMAN, KL7GNP (Life Member)

John is an Advanced class amateur licensed since January 1969. He and wife, Dorothy have been residents of Alaska since October 1953.

Dedication to the Ham community through countless hours of volunteer work in handling the QSL Bureau for all Alaskan Hams is one of John's favorite activities. Without his patience, the approx. 2000 hams in the state would not enjoy receiving the 40,000 QSL cards that are sorted, packaged, and sent out each year. The task is awesome enough just filing straight by call sign, but the FCC had to complicate things, so people are changing call signs right & left. This means cross filing and reference on top of reference to make sure each and every person gets the correct cards and doesn't get left out.

Gold Nugget Papa (John's phonetics) is serving his second term as a member of the AARC Board of Directors. Last summer, he and Dottie helped cover the State Troopers' Run for S.O.M.E. acting as pilot car and providing communications for the relay runners from North Pole to Anchorage.

John's favorite mode of amateur transmission is CW. He has a key attached to a board that he can carry around the house and pound away on while doing other things. He comfortably copies 40 wpm and doesn't even need to write it down for comprehension.

In addition to ragchewing (at 40 wpm) he enjoys handling traffic and collecting the stamps that come from all over the world on the QSL envelopes.

John and Dottie have four children and two grandchildren who all live in Alaska. They are also "Honorary Grandparents" to a multitude of youngsters (of all ages) from one end of Alaska to the other.

Summertime brings out the 5th wheeler and with their giant St. Bernard, the QSL Bureau goes mobile to deliver the QSL cards on hand from Homer to Fairbanks.

We are very proud to have John represent the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club as our HAM OF THE YEAR. He will be honored at the ACC Annual Volunteer of the Year Champagne Reception in March as our volunteer extraordinaire.





# RELIABLE ELECTRONICS

P. O. BOX 4-3017 - ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99509 - (907) 279-5100

## IN STOCK:

### TEN-TEC

#645, "ULTRAMATIC" Dual Paddle Electronic Keyer

#546, OMNI, Digital Transceiver

#234, Speech Processor

#228, Antenna Tuner, SWR Bridge

#227, Antenna Tuner

#217, 500 Hz, Pole Ladder Filter

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### KENWOOD

TR-7800, 2 meter mobiles

TR-2400, 2 meter handhelds

TS-130S, Mobile transceivers

TS-830S, Base transceivers

### YAESU

FT-207R, 2 meter handhelds

FT-707, Mobile transceivers

### DRAKE

DL 1000, 1000 watt dummy loads

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

21 JANUARY 1981

## ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

<u>Present:</u>	President	Herb Brasseur	KL7JIG	<u>Board Members:</u>	
	Vice President	Bob McKinnie	AL7AW	John Bierman	KL7GNP
	Secretary	Marian Arlin	KL7IT	Lloyd Fuller	KL7JGN
	Activities Mgr.	Cathi Moody	WL7ABO	Paul Bestry	KL7FI
	Club Trustee	Bill Reiter	KL7ITI	Wilse Morgan	KL7CQ
	Past President <sub>2</sub>	Chip Lewis	KL7IUI	Steve Norrell	KL7IYX
<u>Absent:</u>	Dave Cloyd, KL7M;	Fred Wegmer, KL7HFM,		Betty Rhodes	KL7AP
	Dave Zugsberger, KL7FO;	Herb Rosenthal, AL7G		Dan Rogers	KL7ICP

Also Present: John Orella, WA6ZIJ; Al Bianco, KL7FKO, Vicki Fuller, WL7AJV

The meeting was called to order by the President, Herb Brasseur, at the QTH of Lloyd and Vicki Fuller.

SECRETARY The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER The Treasurer's report, indicating a total balance of approximately \$15,000 was accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Tok Repeater: A letter from Rick, AL7O, was read concerning the intended use of the Tok repeater which will cover the area from Fairbanks to Whitehorse. The repeater is being purchased this week by the Fairbanks club. The board moved to purchase the duplexer if the cost is under \$500; if over \$500, the proposal will be brought to the club for a vote. The ownership of the duplexer will remain the property of AARC. Herb, KL7JIG, will pursue the matter of the purchase.

Storage Locker: Betty, KL7AP, and Bruce Burpee, KL7IV, have completed an inventory of club property. The storage locker office has been provided with a list of persons with authorized access.

TEGs: The question arose as to whether the Juneau club had been promised thermo-electric generators. The minutes will be checked for this information.

Newsletter: Betty, KL7AP, reported that it was felt the charge of \$280 for the newsletter was too high and that she and Tanya Delancy, WA1RVG, would be able to continue publication, using the Federation of Community Councils equipment, until June. It was decided to leave it with Betty to determine how it should be handled. However, a long-term decision about newsletter production must still be made.

Pioneers Home: Bob, AL7AW, will order the rotor and antenna needed to complete equipping the radio station at the Pioneers Home.



BOARD MINUTES CONTINUED. . . . .

Local Dealers: The board moved that in-state purchase of materials by AARC should be encouraged and that 15% above the total out-of-state cost should be allowed for that purpose.

A Ski Races: Bill, KL7ITI, announced that the ski races had been moved to Lake Placid, NY because of our lack of snow.

Board Meeting Place: Betty will check with Matanuska Maid for a permanent board meeting place.

Permanent Station Location: John Orella WA6ZIJ presented for discussion a letter to Dr. Bender of PHS proposing a joint location of KL7AA and KL7PHS. The letter will be revised and mailed this week.

Autopatch: The status of the autopatch will be discussed with Fred Wegmer, KL7HFM. Betty will include an article detailing the long history of the autopatch in the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS VHF: Paul Bestry, KL7FI, was appointed VHF Committee chairman. Herb Holeman, WL7BIL, will serve on his committee.

Publicity: The need for a Publicity Chairman will be announced at the next meeting.

Iditarod: Chip KL7IUI requested a discretionary fund for the Iditarod AARC chairman to use for administrative purposes. \$300 was appropriated. Another \$250 was authorized to the Iditarod committee to get the club on the list for a numbered memorial plaque.

Equipment Purchase: Cathi WL7ABO suggested that raffle fund proceeds be used to purchase 2 meter rigs and other ham equipment for loan to visiting hams or for special activities and emergency use in the Anchorage area. Bob AL7AW suggested that the matter be held until the Anchorage Civil Defense decides how to make use of funds that have recently been allocated for emergency communications equipment. Some board members indicated that they were not in favor of providing equipment for loan to visiting hams.

PARKAs: Cathi WL7ABO announced that PARKAs have had a Lucky 7 Award since 1955, to be earned from outside the state by contacts with 7 PARKA members, 11 inside the state. A net was started for the purpose of making contacts on Sunday, Jan 18 at 21.388 ssb to alternate with CW at 21.133 on Jan 25. It will continue with alternate modes on a weekly basis at 2330Z\* It was announced that the PARKAs will no longer provide home baked cookies for the general meetings of the club, and a sum of \$50 was appropriated to PARKA to buy refreshments for the general club meetings. Members will continue to be asked to contribute to the cost of the refreshments.

\*For info about Lucky 7 certificates, contact Cathi WL7ABO, PARKA President.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Arlin, KL7IT, Secretary



## Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska (PARKA)

PARKA is a VL group open to all women interested in Amateur Radio. Our 1980 membership was the largest ever with 32 members throughout Alaska, some members in the lower 48 and 3 DX VL's in Czechoslovakia, New Zealand & England.

We welcome new members and former members --you do not have to be licensed in order to join. How about some of you guys passing this along to your VL's and XYL's. We have a technical session at each meeting and then a general meeting.

New officers took office at the January meeting. Cathi Moody, WL7ABO, President. Sue Michael, AL7BN, Vice President. Tanya Delancy, WA1RVG, Secretary. Betty Rhodes, KL7AP, Treasurer.

Our dues are due for 81. They are \$3.00 and may be sent to the AARC P. O. Box 1987, Anch., AK 99510.

A committee meeting was held Jan 27 to go over the rules for the Lucky Award. The findings will be voted on at the Feb meeting, and reported here next month. Don't forget the weekly net-Feb 1, 21.388 ssb; Feb 8, 21.133 @ 2300.

PROFILE-New Member- Laron Pederson, WL7ANS

by Arlene, KL7HK

The word IDITAROD has a sort of enchanting appeal for many of us. Some of us have to be sidewalk superintendentes and some of us more fortunate ones get to participate in the thrills for real. Our youngest PARKA member is going to be among the lucky ones. Laron Pederson, WL7ANS and her father, Elden, KL7J are scheduled to man (person?) the Rhone River checkpoint as the teams go rambling through.

Laron has been living with her family on Shell Lake near Skwentna for the past three years or so. Since it's accessible only by plane "or snowmobile if you're very brave and adventuresome," she's completing her last year of high school through correspondence courses.

Next year she plans to be taking business classes at a college in the lower 48. Maybe she'll be lucky again and find a campus with its own ham club like Walla-Walla College in Washington State where our sister PARKA, Susan Oakes attends.

Laron's sister, Tesha, WL7ANO is living in Anchorage going to ACC & running a TS 120 from her van. Their mom has taken THE TEST recently and is waiting patiently for a call sign in order to make the family a mini-club of their own.

Ham radio can certainly use more teen-agers like Laron and more such family groups to keep the air waves warm in the hinterlands--and to keep those checkpoints humming during Iditarod.





## NOTES FROM YOUR CO-EDITORS.....

Hi there, just a couple of comments from Tanya & Betty. We both resigned last month, however....Tanya can continue until June when she takes over as Family Services Coordinator for Elmendorf AFB. My class schedule was revamped for Spring so I can do it until April. You probably have noticed the new format, hope it meets with your approval.

Doing the newsletter has been fun, but it does get old after a while especially when there are a thousand other projects going on. We still need a couple of volunteers to take over and start breaking in so we don't run up against the final deadline with no one set up. I will be driving to Texas for 2 months this summer and Tanya will be completely tied up so if you would like to make a commitment please give one of us a call-753-8276 or 345-1061. Last month's commercially printed letter was a marvelous break and so easy to get out but the cost is just not affordable for the club when we need to spend the money on other projects. We are continuing at the Federation of Community Councils and with this new format have been able to get the cost down to approx. \$50 instead of the previous \$115 or the \$280 commercial.

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THE PROGRAM FOR THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE JIM, WAØLPK, TALKING ON EME

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**A thought about shopping:**  
People will buy anything that's  
one to a customer.

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# NEO LIFE

## Distributor

Bill Reiter KL1IT  
337-1779



## NUTRANCE



## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE AUTOPATCH ??????????????

Quite a few people have asked about the status of the AARC autopatch so we decided at the board meeting to put a little background in the newsletter instead of just passing the word around by mouth.

As of this moment we do not have an operational open autopatch in the Anchorage area. The autopatch was taken off of 34/94, 3 years ago because it was unreliable. Del Wolfington, KL7EKB, owns and operates the 16/76 machine and said his repeater and autopatch were open to all Hams. This worked fine as a stop-gap solution until AARC decided what to do for an autopatch for 34/94. Herb, AL7G, volunteered to build a fancy autopatch on his own time. He got bogged down and will eventually finish a very fine system.

In January 1980 we (AARC) spent \$1200 for a bells & whistles autopatch controller that we were told would perform very well. About this time a decision was made to move the 34/94 repeater from Government Hill because the sensitivity has had to be cranked way down to avoid intermod. 34/94 was to be moved to the ALASCOM building on 36th so the Bowl area would have better coverage with handi-talkies. Then an offer was made to put it on top of the Denali Towers where KHVN is located. This sounded great until Doug, KL7IKX, went up just before moving day and found the RF problem to be as bad if not worse than on Government Hill. Well...34/94 is still on Government Hill until plans are made again to move it.

Back to the autopatch. When the great machine arrived, Fred, KL7HFM, put it on 16/76 to burn it in and get the bugs out while the relocation of 34/94 was being settled. The controller was discovered to have a serious bug in the PROM and was sent back to the factory, received back here-same problem. Fred has spent countless hours of frustration in trying to work out the bug and has been in consultation with the manufacturer repeatedly. The bottom line is that the darned thing still doesn't work right. Fred is sending it back to the manufacturer with instructions to replace it. If it is not replaced, the matter will be turned over to the club attorney.

Del has given the ok to put his autopatch back on so it should be up soon. HOWEVER, AS A WORD OF WARNING...ANY ABUSE SUCH AS LONG DISTANCE CALLS WILL CAUSE IT TO BE SHUT DOWN. Last year a couple of Hams used it for LD calls without paying Del and also we had an unlicensed person attempting to use it (FCC took care of him). Del is gracious to provide his equipment to the Ham community without charge for the phone line so don't screw up a good deal. Hopefully in the next few months 34/94 will be taken care of- Roy, KL7GQ, and Mark, KL7HD have volunteered to take it under their wings. A new VHF committee has been formed with some experts so it looks like things will be shaping up again.

THAT'S THE STORY ON 34/94 & THE AUTOPATCH.



# ROSTER CHANGES, UPDATES, UPGRADES

<u>New</u>	<u>Change Address</u>	<u>Upgrade</u>
W.P. (Bill) Odom, KL7IZO 2451 W. 27th Ave Anchorage, AK 99503 H - 248-0903	Harry Mitchell, KL7CWY Box 214 Seward, AK 99664	Darrel Daley, KL7DN-Advanced
Edward Berkowitz, N3US FAA, AAF-358E 800 Independence Ave. S.W. Washington, D.C. 20591 W - 202-426-8574	Chip Lewis, KL7IUI 8833 NE 36th Bellevue, WA 98004 H 206-453-9608 John Orella, WA6ZIJ PHS Alaska Native Hospital Bethel, AK 99559 (After February)	<u>Change Call Sign</u> David Wreggit, WL7AOA Dennis Allen, NL7R Sandy McKay, KL7KX
<u>Phone Number changes</u>		
Billy Capers, AL7BB W - 862-4116	Tim Pettis, KL7WE H - 276-1977	
Bruce Burpee KL7IV W - 862-2292	Allen Turner, KL7GU W-243-4545	
Jerry Ganopole, WL7AME W - 277-7887	James Shaw, AL7BA W - 752-3371	
Dickson Pratt, KL7IWY W - 276-4470	Dan Rogers KL7ICP & Jim Rogers, NL7I H - 345-2289	
Ed Olendorf, KL7BCH W - 277-7887	Shirley Thomas, AL7BG H - 694-3570	
Richard Shafer, KL7HKH W - 265-0174		

Please give all changes of license, call, address, phone number to Membership Chairman-Vicki Fuller, WL7AJV. Our records need to be accurate. If you move let us know ASAP because this newsletter is mailed 3rd class and is usually not forwarded. Vicki-243-7391 or 34/94

## Change Address:

John M. Stechman  
SRA 474-P  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
H 345-2383  
W 264-0530

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r 345-1061,  
r club phone,  
e5-0719 to  
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e calendar-front page.

WANT ADS...

FOR SALE OR TRADE- 100 gal propane tank w/regulator.

===== I need radio gear. Tom Spare. 688-2061 =====

NEED SCHEMATIC OR MANUAL for ECO 720 transmitter (CW)

For Sale - FT625RD, 6 meter all mode transceiver \$500.

Bob McKinnie, AL7AW, 337-6027

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For Sale or Trade - Mod 28 ASR RTTY, professional modification for  
Amateur use. Case of paper included \$285

Bruce Barber, KL7D 243-4080

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For Sale - TRS-80 Model I Level II, 32K memory, 2 disc drives, printer,  
desk and manuals.

David, KL7EB, 272-1213 or 274-3051

Herb, AL7G, has an idea for the next meeting. Bring along some small  
change for a chance at his goody box. Herb collects bits and pieces and  
wants to bring them to the meeting to raise a little cash for the cookie  
fund. If you've got a few small odds 'n ends you don't want (NOT Flea  
marketable) bring them along to clear out a small corner of your shack.

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For Sale-TS 520S with DG5, DC converter, CW filter \$1000 value, asking \$700

Jean Robert, KL7JJX, 243-5577

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\*\*\*\*\*DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

1981 DUES WERE PAYABLE AS OF JAN 1. DEADLINE  
IS FEB 6 MEETING. IF NOT REC'D, YOU WILL BE  
DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS & NEWSLETTER LIST.

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